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1. THERE NOW ALSO POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATION AT CHANCERY
TO PROTEST U.S. - ANGOLAN POLICY (REFTELS). DEMONSTRATION
REPORTEDLY BEING ORGANIZED BY ISOLA-OSOBU (SEE LAGOS 132, PARA 2)
WHO HAS APPLIED TO NIGERIAN POLICE FOR REQUIRED PERMIT TO STAGE
DEMONSTRATION TOMORROW MORNING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.

2. EMBASSY HAS TELEPHONED DIRECTOR AMERICAS DEPARTMENT AT
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO ADVISE OF POSSIBILITY OF
DEMONSTRATION AND REQUEST ADEQUATE FMG PROTECTION
U.S. PROPERTY. DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD CALL POLICE IMMEDIATELY.
WE ARE ALSO CONTACTING POLICE DIRECTLY. SATURDAY IS NON-WORKING
DAY SO MINIMUM STAFF NORMALLY HAVE BEEN ON HAND BUT WE
AKING STEPS MAKE CERTAIN ONLY ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL PRESENT.
THERE WILL BE OFFICER PRESENT RECEIVE PETITION IF DEMONSTRATORS
HAVE ONE TO HAND OVER AND SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. WE HAVE
ALSO REQUESTED SPECIAL POLICE PROTECTION FOR CHANCERY AND
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WHITNEY YOUNG LIBRARY FOR TOMORROW AND FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENT

ON TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS FOR NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. PRESS TODAY CARRIES HIGHLY INFLAMMTOORY ACCOUNTS OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS IN KADUNA. "DAILY TIMES" SAYS 500STUDENTS MARCHED TO AMERICAN CONSULATE TO HAND OVER PROTEST LETTER AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER QTE WENT STRAIGHT TO WHERE AMERICAN FLAG WAS HOISTED AND SET IT ABLAZE. UNQTE. FRONT PAGE STORY ALSO REPORTS STUDENTS RIRNED PHOTOGRAPHS OF QTE WATERGATE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WHICH THEY REMOVED FROM THE WALL. UNQTE. ADDING THAT POLICE HAD MOVED IN TO PREVENT FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY. PAPER ALSO FRONTPAGES CALLS BY UNIVERSITY LAGOS STUDENTS FOR FMG SEND TROOPS TO FIGHT IN ANGOLA AND BY SOME UNIVERSITY IBADAN PROFESSORS FOR NIGERIA TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH U.S. "TIMES" ALSO USES PCITURE OF U.S. MARINES (SECURITY GUARD) PUTTING OUT SMALL TRASH FIRE NEXT TO USIS OFFICE EARLIER THIS WEEK TO ALLEGE THAT EMBASSY HAD FAILED CALL IN LAGOS FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE USIS WANTED KEEP QTE THEIR SECRET, SECRET. UNQTE.
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